

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An apparatus for adding at least two binary numbers, the two binary numbers each having at least 64 bits, the apparatus comprising:
a plurality of gates, the critical path through the plurality of gates being three gates.
2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein:
at least one of the gates is a domino logic gate.
3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein:
all the gates in the critical path are domino logic gates.
4. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein:
at least one of the domino logic gates in the critical path comprises a latch.
5. The apparatus of claim 4 wherein:
the latch is part of a scan path for testing the adder.
6. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein:
at least one of the domino logic gates comprises a multiplexer function.
7. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein:
at least one of the domino logic gates comprises a multiplexer function and a latch.
8. An apparatus for adding numbers with at least 64 bits, the apparatus comprising:
a critical path of three gate delays, the critical path comprising:
a first gate within a first level of logic, the first level of logic receiving at least two binary numbers and generating multi-bit carry signals;
a second gate within a second level of logic, the second level of logic receiving the multi-bit carry signals and generating multi-bit section-based carry signals;
and
a third gate within a third level of logic, the third level of logic receiving the multi-bit section-based carry signals and generating a sum of the received binary numbers.

9. The apparatus of claim 8 wherein:
the three gates are each a domino logic gate.
10. The apparatus of claim 9 wherein:
the domino logic gate in the first level of logic comprises a latch.
11. The apparatus of claim 10 wherein:
the latch is part of a scan path.
12. The apparatus of claim 9 wherein:
the domino logic gate in the first level of logic comprises a multiplexer function.
13. The apparatus of claim 9 wherein:
the first level of logic comprises:
a plurality of domino trees forming P, G, Z, and K carry signals; and
circuits forming multi-bit P, G, Z, and K carry signals;
the second level of logic comprises:
a plurality of domino trees forming section-based P, G, Z, and K carry
signals; and
circuits forming multi-bit section-based P, G, Z, and K carry signals; and
the third level of logic comprises:
a plurality of domino logic gates forming sum bits.
14. An apparatus for adding numbers with at least 64 bits, the apparatus comprising:
a first level of logic for receiving at least two binary numbers and generating
multi-bit carry signals, the first level of logic comprising domino logic gates;
a second level of logic receiving the multi-bit carry signals and generating
multi-bit section-based carry signals, the second level of logic comprising domino logic
gates; and
a third level of logic receiving the multi-bit section-based carry signals and
generating a sum of the received binary numbers, the third level of logic comprising
domino logic gates.
15. The apparatus of claim 14 wherein:

the longest circuit path through the apparatus is three domino logic gates.

16. An apparatus for adding numbers, the apparatus comprising:
a first level of logic for receiving at least two binary numbers and generating multi-bit carry signals, the first level of logic comprising domino logic gates;
a second level of logic receiving the multi-bit carry signals and generating multi-bit section-based carry signals, the second level of logic comprising domino logic gates; and
a third level of logic receiving the multi-bit section-based carry signals and generating a sum of the received binary numbers, the third level of logic comprising domino logic gates.
17. The apparatus of claim 16 wherein:
the longest circuit path through the apparatus is three domino logic gates.
18. The apparatus of claim 16 wherein:
the longest circuit path through the apparatus is three domino logic gates plus an additional gate.
19. The apparatus of claim 16 wherein:
the longest circuit path through the apparatus is four domino logic gates.
20. The apparatus of claim 16 wherein:
the longest circuit path through the apparatus is five domino logic gates.
21. An apparatus for adding binary numbers, the apparatus comprising:
a first level of logic for receiving at least two binary numbers and generating multi-bit P, G, Z, and K carry signals, the first level of logic comprising:
a plurality of domino trees forming P, G, Z, and K carry signals; and
circuits forming the multi-bit P, G, Z, and K carry signals using the P, G, Z, and K carry signals;
a second level of logic receiving the multi-bit P, G, Z, and K carry signals and generating multi-bit section-based carry signals, the second level of logic comprising:
a plurality of domino trees forming section-based P, G, Z, and K carry signals using the multi-bit P, G, Z, and K carry signals; and

circuits forming multi-bit section-based P, G, Z, and K carry signals using the section-based P, G, Z, and K carry signals; and

a third level of logic receiving the multi-bit section-based carry signals and generating a sum of the received binary numbers, the third level of logic comprising:

a plurality of domino logic gates forming sum bits using the multi-bit section-based P, G, Z, and K carry signals.

22. The apparatus of claim 21 wherein:
the longest circuit path through the apparatus is three domino logic gates.
23. The apparatus of claim 21 wherein:
the longest circuit path through the apparatus is three domino logic gates and an additional gate.
24. The apparatus of claim 21 wherein:
the longest circuit path through the apparatus is four domino logic gates.
25. The apparatus of claim 21 wherein:
the longest circuit path through the apparatus is five domino logic gates.
26. A pipelined computational apparatus comprising:
an adder for adding at least two binary numbers, the two binary numbers each having at least 64 bits, the adder comprising a plurality of gates, the critical path through the plurality of gates being three gates.
27. The apparatus of claim 26 wherein:
at least some of the gates are domino logic gates.
28. The apparatus of claim 26 wherein:
all the gates in the critical path are domino logic gates.
29. A pipelined computational apparatus comprising:
an adder for adding numbers with at least 56 bits, the adder comprising:
a critical path of three gate delays, the critical path comprising:

a first gate within a first level of logic, the first level of logic receiving at least two binary numbers and generating multi-bit carry signals;

a second gate within a second level of logic, the second level of logic receiving the multi-bit carry signals and generating multi-bit section-based carry signals; and

a third gate within a third level of logic, the third level of logic receiving the multi-bit section-based carry signals and generating a sum of the received binary numbers.

30. The apparatus of claim 29 wherein:
the three gates are each a domino logic gate.